

Listing of Claims:

1 – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A damping arrangement for guide vanes, wherein radially external ends of the guide vanes of a guide vane grid or a guide vane ring are mounted to a housing, wherein radially internal ends of the guide vanes form an inner shroud, wherein at least one seal bearing is mounted to the inner shroud of the guide vanes, wherein at least one spring element is installed between the inner shroud of the guide vanes and the, or each, seal bearing, wherein the, or each, spring element is configured as a leaf spring, and wherein the, or each, spring element configured as a leaf spring has at least one angled section which acts as a securing tab for a securing element.

21 – 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) A damping arrangement for a guide vane ring of a gas turbine engine, comprising:

a guide vane ring including a first and a second guide vane, wherein a radially internal end of each of the first and second guide vanes forms an inner shroud;

a seal bearing mounted to the inner shrouds of the first and second guide vanes; and

a spring element disposed between the inner shrouds and the seal bearing, wherein the spring element is a leaf spring;

wherein the leaf spring includes a first section and a second section, wherein the first section and the second section define a slit between the first and second sections;

and wherein the slit extends from a first side and a second side of the leaf spring and wherein the slit does not extend continuously along a width of the leaf spring between the first and second sides of the leaf spring.

31. (Previously Presented) A damping arrangement for a guide vane ring of a gas turbine engine, comprising:

a guide vane ring including a first and a second guide vane, wherein a radially internal end of each of the first and second guide vanes forms an inner shroud;

a seal bearing mounted to the inner shrouds of the first and second guide vanes;

a spring element disposed between the inner shrouds and the seal bearing, wherein the spring element is a leaf spring; and

a securing element disposed between the inner shrouds and the seal bearing and wherein the leaf spring includes a radially extending tab on a circumferential end of the leaf spring and further wherein the securing element engages with the tab.